

REMARKS

In the May 7, 2010 Office Action, claims 32, 35 and 37 stand rejected in view of prior art, while claims 1-31 and 38 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 39 was rejected as being indefinite for failing particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the May 7, 2010 Office Action, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 32, 35 and 37 and amended claim 39, as indicated above. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. Thus, claims 1-31 and 38-39 are pending, with claims 1, 3, 11 and 21 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Interview Summary

On June 15, 2010, the undersigned conducted a personal interview with Examiner Lenihan, who is in charge of the above-identified patent application and Supervising Patent Examiner Wu. Applicants wish to thank Examiners Lenihan and Wu for the opportunity to discuss the above-identified patent application during the Interview of June 15, 2010.

During the Interview, proposed amendments to rejected claims 32, 35 and 37 were discussed. However, no agreement was reached. Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 32, 35 and 37.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claim 39 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, Applicants have amended claim 39 to depend from claim 38, as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants believe that claim 39 now comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

In paragraphs 6-15 of the Office Action, claims 32, 35 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants have cancelled claims 32, 35 and 37 rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 16 of the Office Action, claims 1-31 and 38 were indicated as allowed and claims 39 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 39 has been amended to properly depend from allowable claim 38 and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance as well.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application.

Prior Art Citation

In the Office Action, an additional prior art reference was made of record. Applicants believe that this reference does not render the claimed invention obvious.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-31 and 38-39 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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